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SUBJECT:PROPOSED EC VEGETABLE OIL TAX

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1. WE CONCUR WITH MISSION SUGGESTION IN PARA. ONE OF REFTEL THAT WE USE OCCASION OF PERUVIAN AND ARGENTINE COMPLAINTS OVER PROPOSED EC VEGETABLE, FISH, AND MARINE OILS TAX TO REGISTER AGAIN OUR CONCERN ON THIS ISSUE. FOLLOWING PERUVIAN OR ARGENTINE STATEMENT, U.S. DEL SHOULD MAKE BRIEF STATEMENT ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: WE WOULD VIEW ANY SUCH TAX AS AN ATTEMPT TO CIRCUMVENT GATT BINDINGS ON OILSEEDS AND VEGETABLE OILS IN ORDER TO AFFORD ADDITIONAL PROTECTION TO, AND HELP DISPOSE OF SURPLUSES IN, THE EC'S DAIRY SECTOR. THE COMMUNITY'S DAIRY SURPLUS PROBLEM HAS DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF HIGH SUPPORT PRICES POLICIES, AND NOT BECAUSE OF IMPORTS OF OILSEEDS AND VEGETABLE OILS. MEASURES SUCH AS THE PROPOSED TAX AND THE COMPULSORY PURCHASE PROGRAM FOR NONFAT DRY MILK WHICH CONTRAVENE GATT RULES AND SHIFT THE BURDEN OF SURPLUS DISPOSAL TO THE COMMUNITY'S TRADING PARTNERS ARE UNACCEPTABLE. WE HAVE URGED THE COMMUNITY TO CONSIDER THE BROAD IMPLICATIONS OF THIS TAX PROPOSAL AND TO REJECT IT. WE REMAIN HOPEFUL THAT THIS WILL BE DONE. AS WE STATED IN THE JULY 15 COUNCIL MEETING, THERE SHOULD BE NO DOUBT THAT THE U.S. WILL MOVE IMMEDIATELY AND FIRMLY TO DEFEND ITS TRADE INTERESTS IN THIS MATTER. ROBINSON

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